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J&K High Court Rules Trial Courts Can Postpone Cross-Examining Multiple Witnesses Together

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In a noteworthy ruling, the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court clarified that trial courts hold the authority to defer cross-examination of multiple witnesses who are expected to testify on the same set of facts. The case involved a petition by the accused in a murder trial seeking to delay the cross-examination of six eyewitnesses—all family members of the deceased. The trial court had initially denied this request. Justice...

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